

REMARKS

The Office Action of March 16, 2006, has been carefully considered.

As a result of the Office action, claims 1-5 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claim 1 of U.S. Patent Nos. 6,711,274 and 6,744,895, and pending U.S. Patent Application Serial Nos. 10/677,357 and 10/778,217.

The Office action was discussed between the undersigned and the examiner during an interview on July 13, 2006, and it was agreed that obviousness-type double patenting rejection over U.S. Patent No. 6,711,274 and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/677,357 will be withdrawn. Applicants hereby submit terminal disclaimers to overcome the obviousness-type double patenting rejections over U.S. Patent No. 6,744,895 and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/778,217.

Each issue raised in the Office action dated March 16, 2006, has been addressed and it is believed that claims 1-5 are in condition for allowance. Wherefore, Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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